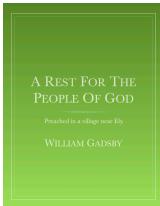


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Sunday School	10:00 am
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PASTOR **DAVID PLEDGER**, PASTOR **DONNIE BELL**, & PASTOR **MARVIN STALNAKER**

THE ONLY ISSUE!

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? WHOSE SON IS HE?"

(MATTHEW 22:42)

Vainly religious men came to Christ trying to make the issue everything from sabbath days to washing hands before you eat. They made up vain scenarios to make the issue something other than Christ. (MATTHEW 6:10; 15:2; 19:3; 21:23; 22:17; 22:28) But the Lord Jesus Christ declared there is only one issue to preach and believe when he asked them this question, *"What think ye of Christ?"* (MATTHEW 22:41, 42) Christ is the only issue.

What do you think of Christ? The question is not what others think but what do you think of Christ. *"As a man thinketh with his heart so he is."* (PROVERBS 23:7) *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be."*

be also." (MATTHEW 6:21) "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." (MATTHEW 12:34-35) Cult leaders and false preachers have the same method of operation. In order to make disciples after themselves they make another banner to rally under other than Christ our Banner. They separate themselves in proud, arrogance, as they rebuke faithful, experienced elders. God says their spirit is of the devil. (JAMES 3:13-18; 3 JOHN 9-11; 2 TIMOTHY 2:17-26) But Christ's true preacher and people say, "*Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*" (JOHN 6:67-69) Christ is "*the one thing needful.*" (LUKE 10:41) When you meet Christ, you never grow beyond Christ. "*CHRIST IS ALL!*" (COLOSSIANS 3:11) Is Christ all to you? What think ye of Christ?

There is far too much to preach concerning Christ to turn to meaningless babble. Christ's preacher and people never grow weary of preaching who Christ is: God in human flesh, the GodMan. (ISAIAH 7:14) We never grow weary of preaching why Christ came: to save his people from our sins and to declare the righteousness of God. (MATTHEW 1:21) We love preaching what Christ accomplished: "*for by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.*" (HEBREWS 10:12-14) We never grow weary of preaching where Christ is now, what he is doing now and what he shall do as our reigning Head who shall soon return again. (EPHESIANS 1:20-23; 4:11-16; HEBREWS 9:28) Christ is the whole counsel of God, the subject of all Scripture. Christ is the Bishop of our souls. Christ is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Christ is the Bread of life. Christ is the Captain of salvation. Christ is the Foundation, the Corner-stone, the Door, the Mediator, the Prince of life, the Rock, and the Shepherd. Christ is the Sun of Righteousness, the Light of the world, the Light of men, the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Christ is the Foundation of the church and of this world! It is not some literal ice foundation that holds this world in place. It is Christ! Everything thing made was made for him and glorifies him! Christ is Christianity. Christ is Salvation! Heaven will be Christ! He is our exceeding great reward!

What think ye of Christ! Never move away from Christ! If we are God's saints we never will by his sovereign, keeping grace!

ONE THING IS NEEDFUL!

“...ONE THING IS NEEDFUL: AND MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.” (LUKE 10:42)

Beloved believing sinner of God, one thing is needful! What a blessing it is to read what we so desperately need, has been given! and further beloved—what has been given shall never be taken away!

Dear reader, the only one thing that is needful is the Lord Jesus Christ. As God the Holy Spirit makes known to us through His servant John, “*He that hath the Son hath life...*” (1 JOHN 5:12), indeed eternal life. And once He is given, through faith, the unspeakable gift of God—He is forever given—never to be taken away! (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21, ROMANS 11:29)

Reader, can it be that only one thing is needful? Yes! only one thing is needful to be washed clean of all your sins! Only one thing is needful to be made the very righteousness of God. Consider God’s own blessed testimony of the Gospel of His beloved Son:

“*BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved*” (ACTS 16:31).

“*ONE THING THOU LACKEST: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and FOLLOW ME*” (MARK 10:21).

“...*This is the work of God, that ye BELIEVE ON HIM WHOM HE HATH SENT*” (JOHN 6:29).

“...*here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou BELIEVEST WITH ALL THINE HEART, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD*” (ACTS 8:36-37).

Reader, do you find yourself believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift! For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of [yourself]: it is the gift of God! [EPHESIANS 2:8-10]

If God has given you grace to receive, indeed, grace to believe on the one thing that is needful Jesus Christ the Son of God, He will never be taken away from you! For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, indeed you have His very own word on it! Our Lord declares of His elect; “*I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.*” (JOHN 10:28-30). AMEN!